

REMARKS

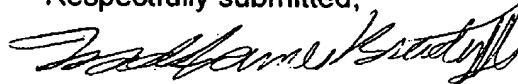
Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 2-10 remain in this application. Claims 1 and 11-14 have been canceled.

The Examiner indicated that claims 9 and 10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 9 has been amended to be in independent form and includes all of the limitations of base claim 1, from which it previously depended directly, and is therefore allowable. Claims 2-8 have been amended to depend directly or indirectly from claim 9, and are therefore also allowable. Claim 10 depends from claim 9 and is therefore also allowable.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request that a Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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